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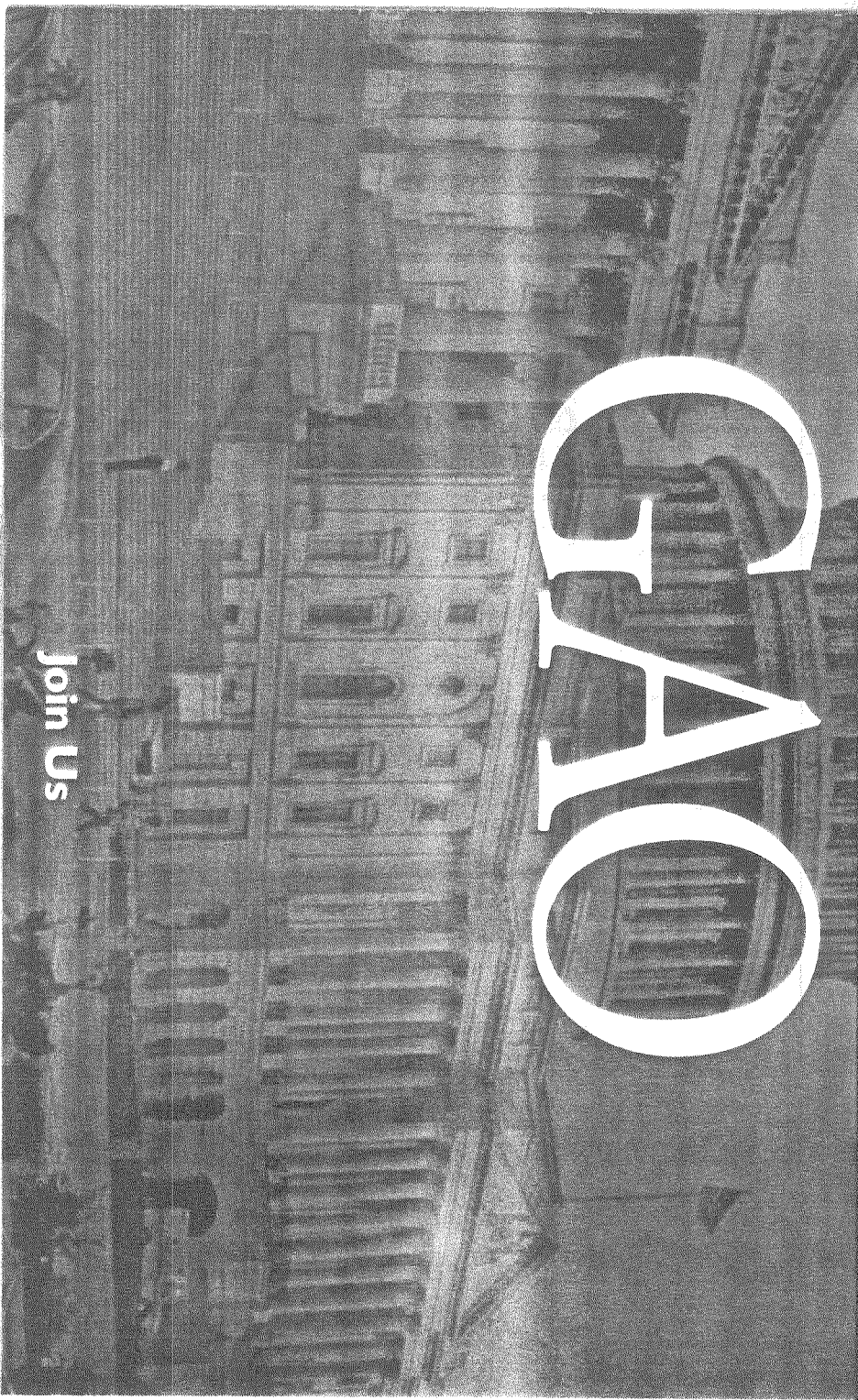
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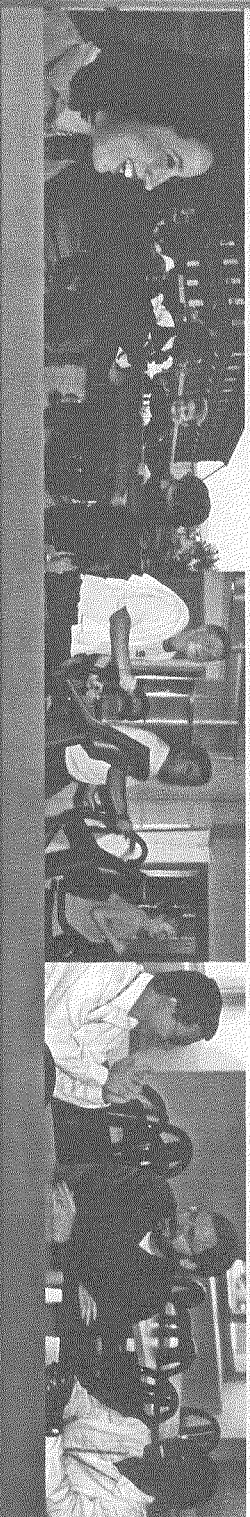
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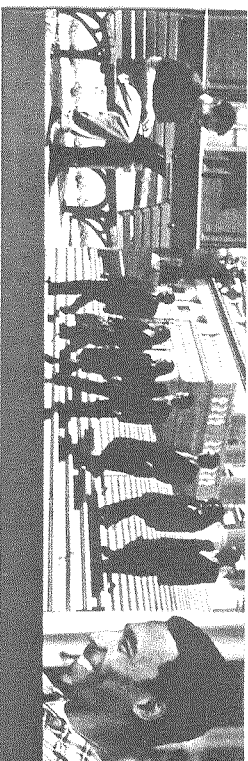
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David M. Walker
Comptroller General of the United States



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Tonia Gillch
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Christian W. Hungen
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M.A.I.D. '95

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